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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that I discussed with Senator Hilgert and I think he feels comfortable with. You may recall that this is the bill that deals with a procedure whereby a board of appeals in Senator Hilgert's area is going to be allowed to have a second alternate member. The law already provides for one alternate member to this appointed board of appeals and this bill would allow a second one. All this amendment does is to designate a first alternate and a second alternate so that in the event that the regular member is not at a particular meeting you know which of the two alternates you would appoint in the event that there are two alternates there. And, by having a first alternate and the second alternate, it takes away the possibility of a chairperson or presiding officer manipulating which alternate he might like to have in place, for example, if he were particularly interested in a particular vote. So that's all the amendment does. It seeks to clarify a little bit and, if it's agreeable to Senator Hilgert, I'll proceed with it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Hilgert, on the amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I appreciate Senator Beutler giving me this amendment in advance and the questions that he did. I appreciate that. That seems to be the best way to work on these bills and I appreciate that, Senator Beutler. I want to congratulate you at the mike. And Senator Beutler is perfectly correct that I have no objections with this amendment, neither does the city of Omaha, and would encourage its adoption and then the advancement of LB 179. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. The question before the body is attachment of amendment AM0443 to LB 179. All in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.